

## New Forest Butterfly Transect Group – Week 9

It's good to be back, but you have been very well served by Trevor, Tani & Eric, so a big thank you to them!!

We have missed quite a lot - Painted Lady, Brown Argus, Green Hairstreak etc.  
Some surprises this week with all three of the above species seen at Fields Heath.  
Silver-studded Blues have emerged very early this year, so please look out for these on the heathland routes.

Bramble is beginning to blossom and this will provide a valuable nectar source for the 'browns' expected in good numbers very soon. In fact the first Meadow Brown has been recorded at Lepe & Mockbeggar and also in Sims Wood.

Bob & Jean

Transect	Count	Transect	Count
Acres Down	0	Janesmoor Plain	2
Badminton	5	Keeping Marsh	
Barton Common	3	Kings Copse	16
Beaulieu Heath	4	Lepe	9
Blackwater	1	Mockbeggar	16
Breamore	92	Normandy Marsh	2
Broadley	2	Perrywood Ivy	6
Dibden Bottom	0	Pignal	7
Fields Heath	20	Pondhead	3
Frohawk	20	Pondhead Wood	15
Godshill	0	Rockford	0
Hasley	1	Standing Hat	7
Hawkhill	7	Studland Common	10
Holmsley	6	Vales Moor	0
Ibsley	0	Warren Farm	9
Janesmoor	6		

21 different species seen this week, with Speckled Wood the most abundant.

### Information

We are currently in the early June lull but this shouldn't last too long this year, hopefully some good numbers will appear within the next two weeks.

A Glanville Fritillary has been seen on the sea wall at Keyhaven, the first sighting of this species on the mainland for some years so those on Normandy might be lucky!

As there is a chance Pearl-bordered Fritillary may still be around, it would be good if those recording along the Brockenhurst routes could get out early during Week 10. In fact, the current

forecast indicates cloudy weather for most of the week, so earlier the better for everyone is the advice!

**Images**



Silver Studded Blue at Beaulieu Heath – Sue Adams



Painted Lady at Fields Heath – Bob Annell



Dingy Skipper at Fields Heath – Bob Annell